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| 1. NIC Production Officer [] | | | <p>5-7</p> <p>Para 3 + 4 of the NIO's memo clearly indicate the difficult path traveled by this SNIE. The former version was greeted without enthusiasm by me, the SRP, Harry Cohen and you. This version, in the judgment of the NIO, promises to please no one fully. This version has been rewritten by Dave Gries and Carl Ford. Your production is suggested.</p> |
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The Director of Central Intelligence

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National Intelligence Council

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

VIA: Acting Chairman, National Intelligence Council

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1. Attached is a precoordination draft of SNIE 56-88: The Philippines: Problems and Prospects for the Aquino Government. It was prepared under the auspices of the National Intelligence Officer for East Asia and was drafted by [redacted] of the Office of East Asian Analysis.

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2. The SNIE responds to a request from the Bureau of East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State, for an estimate to complement a National Security Study Memorandum now in progress. At State's request, it examines the current threats and vulnerabilities facing the Aquino government over the next year and evaluates the Aquino government's record of confronting the threats, and its prospects for overcoming them over the long term. As such, it concentrates somewhat more on problems and not so much on accomplishments.

3. An attempt has been made to accommodate the SRP's suggested changes/additions to the SNIE wherever possible. Unfortunately, the Estimate requested by the Department of State in November 1987 and the one envisioned by the SRP--its views on a Philippine estimate are detailed in a September 1987 memorandum--are quite different. SRP suggestions that are compatible with the Terms of Reference/Key Questions have been included. An annex and several boxes have been added to accommodate other SRP comments. A number of suggestions, however, have not been accepted because they would either entail a major departure from the State request or add additional length to an already over long draft. Since the changes stop short of adopting the framework pressed by the SRP in its September 1987 memo, I suspect it will find the present version little more to its liking than earlier drafts.

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4. In responding to the Senior Review Panel's comments about the policy prescriptiveness of this Estimate, I have altered substantially the language of the text to cast the Community's judgments in more conventional intelligence language. In so doing, however, the overall tone of the Estimate becomes somewhat more pessimistic. Moreover, we are now unable to answer the questions of policymakers who recognize the problems of the Philippines, and want to focus on what Filipinos might do to begin resolving their difficulties.

5. Representatives from the Intelligence Community will meet on 17 March 1988 to coordinate this draft. I expect to have the Estimate ready for consideration by NFIB on 24 March.



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